

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3 are presently active in the application; Claim 3 having been added by way of the present Preliminary Amendment.

Support for the above-amendments to the specification, as well as new Claim 3, can be found, *inter alia*, from page 10, line 13 to page 11, line 25, of the originally filed disclosure, as well as from original Figure 6. Thus, for at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully assert that no new matter has been added by the above-changes.

The present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable consideration of this application is therefore requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### IN THE SPECIFICATION

The specification has been amended as follows:

Page 2, beginning at line 18, the paragraph has been amended as follows:

In order to solve the problems described above, the present invention has the following structure. More specifically, a throwaway digital camera of the present invention is characterized by providing an imaging means for picking up an image of an object, storage means for storing the image picked up by the imaging means and control means for controlling these means on a unit substrate, and the unit substrate and a power supply battery for supplying power to each of the means are accommodated in a container from which they can be separated and collected. In addition to each of the means described above, moreover, there may be provided data transfer means for transferring images stored in the storage means to an external printer or the like. Moreover, the throwaway digital camera may be designed so that there can be stored management information for managing a rental fee including a print right charge for printing a photographed image.

Page 3, beginning at line 6, the paragraph has been amended as follows:

Accordingly, expensive parts such as the imaging means, the storage means, the control means and the data transfer means are disposed integrally on the unit substrate, and furthermore, the unit substrate and the power supply battery for supplying power to each of the means described above are housed in the container from which they can be collected separately. Therefore, the expensive parts can be easily collected by sorting out the unit substrate from the power supply battery as a source of environmental pollution. Moreover, since a photographed image can be transferred to an external printer or the like, the image can also be printed and corrected with ease. Furthermore, since management information for managing a rental fee can be stored, a throwaway digital camera can also be rented.

Page 12, beginning at line 19, the paragraph has been amended as follows:

As described above, the throwaway digital camera according to the present invention has such a structure that expensive parts such as imaging means, storage means and control means are provided integrally on a unit substrate and the unit substrate and a power supply battery for supplying power to each of the means are accommodated in a container capable of being separated and collected. Therefore, the throwaway digital camera can be thrown away and is also suitable for building a recycling system. Moreover, since a photographed image can be transferred to an external printer or the like, the image can also be printed and corrected with ease. Furthermore, since management information for managing a rental fee can be stored, a throwaway digital camera can also be rented.

#### IN THE CLAIMS

The claims have been amended as follows.

3. (New)